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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Senate Appropriation Committee Hearings

1. Dr. Hall appeared before the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on Friday afternoon, 12 May. My feedback indicates that the Hearing went well. At least Dr. Hall did not get into any trouble and Senator Ellender made a few complimentary remarks at the end. Dr. Hall gave a long, prepared briefing with slides which took up the entire time and did not permit General Bennett to get on.

2. General Bennett then appeared on Monday morning, 15 May. He had a brief, prepared statement which is attached. There were three main points in Ellender's remarks to General Bennett:

a. The Chairman spent considerable time discussing the possible substitution of civilians for military in the intelligence field. He pressed General Bennett on this point, even to the point of asking whether the people accompanying him were military or civilian (there happened to be one of each).

b. The Chairman admitted that the Attache System had been reduced considerably since DIA had been managing it, but maintained that it was probably still too large and expressed concern that there is still "a lot of duplication in the System." He indicated that he believes there are too many people collecting and reporting on this same information.

c. The Chairman asked General Bennett, "Why not have one agency of Government do all the intelligence. Isn't it better than having lots of competing and duplicating agencies involved." General Bennett responded with the standard delineation of the responsibilities, i.e., Defense for military intelligence, State for political, and CIA for economic and scientific. He made a pitch for the value of having even the same information examined from different points of view.

The Chairman and Senator Young were in attendance.

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3: Lou Tordella was the principal witness for NSA and the CCP. Adm. Gayler left for a European trip on Friday. The Hearing was rather pat and unexciting. It took a little while to set the stage and make it clear in the Committee's mind just what NSA does. Senator Young was confused about the CCP, vis-a-vis the NSA portion, and asked "Is all of the CCP in the Defense Agency's appropriation?" There was discussion and the Committee was favorably impressed with the R&D efforts to automate the cryptologic process and reduce the number of personnel required. The Chairman was impressed by Tordella's report and the use that was made by computers to sift out the important messages from the mass of material that is collected. The Chairman also brought up the point of substituting civilians for military, but here the discussion was apparently confined to NSA. The Chairman and Senator Young were in attendance.



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